

Energy Independence and Security Act, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Credit CARD Act, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act.

The 110th and 111th Congresses acted boldly to confront pressing challenges; we worked hard, put in long hours, and prolifically passed vital pieces of legislation. Congressional scholars have even called the 111th Congress "one of the most productive" in our nation's history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, we have been a part of a congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope includes a return to the House.

HONORING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola.

The Choral Society of Pensacola was founded in 1935 by a group of local citizens whose goal was to enrich the northwest Florida community through the presentation of choral music and the continuing development of the choral arts.

In 1935, Mrs. Minnie Leah Boschen, a member of the Pensacola Music Study Club, desired to perform a portion of Handel's Messiah as part of the Pensacola Music Study Club's 1935 Christmas program. Mr. Edwin Northup, who was the choir director at Christ Episcopal Church, agreed to serve as director for the performance. Singers were recruited from church choirs and members of the Music Study Club; they included Mr. and Mrs. John Boschen, who went on to become soloists for the Messiah performance. Their first performance took place at the First Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida on Monday, December 16, 1935. The well-attended performance of Handel's Messiah garnered lavish praise in the local newspaper. This same untitled group of singers who performed would later become recognized as the Pensacola Choral Society, the Pensacola Oratorio Society, and ultimately, the Choral Society of Pensacola.

During World War II, Pensacola experienced an influx of talent from all over the world. As Pensacola and the Choral Society adapted to this cultural expansion, the Choral Society continued to provide entertainment and joy to the local community. Their steadfast support and service during the challenging times of war was a true testament to the Choral Society's strength and dedication to northwest Florida.

In recent years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has performed for large audiences both

locally and internationally. The Choral Society, accompanied by the Pensacola Civic Band, presented a large-scale concert titled in Commemoration of September 11, 2001. This event drew an audience of approximately 850 people to Pensacola's Saenger Theatre. In December of 2004, the Choral Society began what has become an annual collaboration with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra; their joint 2004 performance of Handel's Messiah drew an audience of over 1,200 people to Pensacola's Hillcrest Baptist Church. In August of 2006, the Pensacola Choral Society was the only U.S. choral society to perform in the prestigious China International Chinese Choral Festival held in Beijing, China. The Choral Society's grand performance was evidenced by their invitation to return to China and perform at the next festival.

Over the past 75 years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has enhanced the artistic community of northwest Florida by maintaining excellence, diversity, a commitment to education, and an emphasis on collaboration with other cultural organizations. On behalf of the northwest Florida community, I would like to give a standing ovation to the leadership and countless volunteers that compose the Choral Society of Pensacola and recognize their hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I am very proud to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola. I know that this anniversary will only be the first of many more to come.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BROWN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize State Representative Betty Brown for her outstanding service and commitment to the State of Texas.

A native of Kaufman County, Texas, Betty entered political office because she was concerned that her children and grandchildren would not have the same opportunities as previous generations.

As a lifelong conservative, Betty has worked tirelessly to serve her community through state and local leadership positions including six terms representing Henderson and Kaufman counties as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Representative Brown has served admirably on both the Elections Committee and the Agriculture & Livestock Committee where she has continued to promote the values and ideals of her constituents since first being elected to office in 1998. Betty has devoted much of her life in service to the State of Texas, and I appreciate her principled dedication and conviction while serving in the Texas Legislature.

I am proud to call Betty a dear friend, and on behalf of the citizens of the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to thank Representative Brown for her twelve years of service and her commitment to defending freedom and liberty in our communities, state and nation.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF SCHRAMM INC. FOR ROLE IN RESCUE OF CHILEAN MINERS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated employees of Schramm Inc. of West Chester, Pennsylvania for playing a crucial role in the miraculous rescue of 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for 69 days.

A Schramm drill rig bore through more than 2,200 feet of rock and created 26-inch holes that rescue teams used to communicate and provide food to the miners, who had spent more than two weeks in darkness and were feared dead. Rescuers also used a Schramm T-130XD drill rig to create the narrow escape shaft through which miners would eventually be hoisted and joyously reunited with their families. Everyone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extremely proud of the exceptional teamwork and ingenuity Schramm employees demonstrated under immense pressure and the extraordinary performance of the Company's equipment during the rescue operation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and Congressman JOE SESTAK (PA-7th District) today in recognizing the employees of Schramm Inc. for their commitment to manufacturing world-class products and in honoring them for transforming tragedy into triumph by helping free 33 Chilean miners with most of the world watching in awe.

HONORING MARGARET STEWART

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness I submit for the record, together with my friend and colleague Representative JERRY LEWIS, the obituary of our dear friend Maggie Stewart of Upland, California. Maggie was a formidable community leader, activist, volunteer and philanthropist. San Antonio Community Hospital, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, United Way, Kiwanis Club of Upland, Soroptimist Club of Ontario and the Assistance League of Upland are just a few of the community organizations that benefitted from her outstanding service. As we remember her extraordinary life and accomplishments, Maggie's two daughters, Shirley Preston of Rancho Cucamonga and Carol Hawkins of Upland, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren remain in our thoughts and prayers. The contributions of this tremendous woman will continue to make a difference in the lives of so many in our communities.

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STEWART FAMILY MATRIARCH LEAVES A RICH LEGACY

(By John Jopes)

I learned Monday that Margaret Stewart had died. And I was hurt by that.

She was not only a friend, but also was part of a withering vestige of our community's rich history. Because of that, the end